

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-2 and 5-8 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

Further to Amendment filed on June 20, 2007, claims 1, 2, and 5 have been amended to further clarify the present invention. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

The present amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, the amendments to claims 1, 2, and 5 are based on the disclosures at page 4, lines 17-19 and page 5, lines 17-19 of the specification, respectively.

Accordingly, proper consideration of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested at present, as is entry of the present amendment.

IDS (Information Disclosure Statement)

At page 5, lines 10-13 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that FR 2253466 and JP 03-047051 were not considered because there was no translation or discussion of its relevancy.

However, Applicants has filed a new IDS with English translation and abstract thereof under separate cover.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the FR 2253466 and JP 03-047051 references.

CONCLUSION

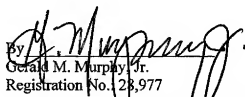
Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-2 and 5-8) are allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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